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I.C.W.M. FOR 1953

Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, chairman f the Conference Committee on Our hristian World Mission, announces hat the first nine churches to accept heir suggested goals for missionary iving were Berkeley, North; Port hicago; Tulare; Petaluma; Oakland, lew Pilgrim; Fresno, First; Fresno, apanese; Fairfax; and Hayward. Sev- al other churches have since accept- d goals or have announced goals hich they themselves have set. Very ood conferences on the Every Mem- er Canvass were held in five different enters, in accordance with the sched- le that appeared in last month's acific. Team members included Rev. , Arthur Casaday, Rev. Stuart L. nderson, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, ev. Hugh Vernon White, and Mr. ruce Copeland.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Since the fall meetings of a number f Associations have been held, we can ow print a directory of the officers of ll eight of our local Associations. It ould be well to clip this item and aste it in the Handbook and Di- ectory.

Bay: Moderator, Rev. Homer A. chwarz; vice-moderator, Mr. Carvel aine; registrar, Rev. Alfred Paul ocht; assistant registrar, Rev. Karl E. lson; auditor, Rev. Richard C. Norberg.

Central: Moderator, Rev. C. W. irkpatrick; vice-moderator, Mrs. Ar- hur Heckenlaible; registrar, Rev. Noel . Breed; preacher, Rev. Ernest M. owler.

Redwood Empire: Moderator, Rev. ames W. Montgomery; vice-moderat- r, Mrs. Edith Brookover; registrar, ev. Herbert C. Gans.

Sacramento Valley: Moderator, Rev. ohn F. Dunstan; vice-moderator, Mr. David H. Gill; registrar, Rev. Charles M. Spencer.

San Joaquin: Moderator, Rev. Sar- is Papajian; vice-moderator, Mr. ames F. Hare; registrar, Rev. Willis . Goldsmith.

Santa Clara: Moderator, Rev. Ter- nce E. Stoker; vice-moderator, Mr. Avery H. Shuey; registrar, Mr. Wm. Hawley Davis.

Upper Bay: Moderator, Rev. Her- ert E. Dimock; vice-moderator, Mrs. Myron Alexander; registrar, Rev. Rob- rt L. Carlson.

German Conference: Moderator, Rev. Carl F. Brost; registrar, Rev. Carl . Maier.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5—Dinner in honor of re- tiring Superintendent, First Congre- gational Church, Oakland.

December 28-31 — Midwinter Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Oroville.

January 22—Annual meeting, North- ern California-Nevada Council of Churches, Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland.

January 23-29—Mid-Winter Meetings of Missions Council and other groups at Cleveland, Ohio.

February 10-11-12 — Pastoral Confer- ence, Pacific School of Religion.

April 5—Easter.

May 22-23-24 — Annual Conference, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

YOU ARE INVITED

To a dinner honoring Dr. and Mrs. Harley H. Gill upon his retiring as our Northern California Superintendent. This dinner is to be held at the First Congregational Church of Oakland on Friday, December 5, at 6:30 o'clock. Reservations are to be made with Mrs. Charles E. Ward, 162 Grand Street, Redwood city (phone: EMerson 6-1246), by December 2. Cost of dinner is $2.00 per plate. Come and join this happy affair.

MRS. SCOTT HAYMOND—for the Committee

HAIL! ALL HAIL!

A new church is born! Sunday, November 2, was in truth a great day. Rev. John C. Carroll, who had begun work in the West San Jose - South Santa Clara area on the 15th of last May, presided at an impressive charter membership service. It was held in the First Church downtown in the afternoon. Ninety-eight people had filled out membership cards, 27 of them on confession of faith, 22 by re-affirmation, and 29 by letters of transfer. Seventy-three were present and received the right hand of fellowship. The others will come on Sunday, November 9, or soon thereafter. In the entire list there are 40 couples, so the percentage of male members will be very high. A number of the total are converted Roman Catholics.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached the sermon. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody spoke on "A Dream Come True," giving the history of the project. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, who selected and negotiated for the church property, also for the parsonage property, who led the canvass of the neighborhood, and who has been the chairman of the sponsoring committee appointed by the Conference, read the scripture and served as deacon when 10 of the new members were baptized.

The choir of the First Church furnished music, and the ladies of the First Church served refreshments in an informal reception and get-acquainted hour. Mr. Carroll, the minister, and Superintendent Gill extended the right hand of fellowship to the new members, and Mr. Gill and Superintendent-elect Pratt extended the right hand of fellowship to the minister.

The church is now engaged in the task of adopting a new constitution, electing officers, and becoming incorporated, with the hope that it may be received into the fellowship of the Santa Clara Association within a month.

SUPT.-ELECT PRATT ON JOB

By the time this issue reaches our readers, Rev. William D. Pratt, Superintendent-elect, and his family will undoubtedly be located in their new home, which will be at 208 Yale Avenue in the Kensington area of Berkeley. The arrangements for the property previously announced in the September issue were not consummated. Beginning on the 7th of November, Mr. Pratt will be on heavy schedule speaking in our churches and meeting with various Conference committees, to say nothing of the work of coming to understand the many ramifications of the Conference office. Superintendent Gill will continue in office as superintendent and registrar and secretary of the various corporations until December 31.

Our Cazadero

Last month, in the "Cazadero Corner," we talked of the administrative and financial operation of the camp. This month we want to bring readers of The Pacific up to date on the history of our camp in Sonoma's redwoods.

Congregational Cazadero was discovered during the fall of 1944, through our minister at Guerneville, the Rev. Henry H. Hayden. After survey by Supt. Gill, Win Meyer, and the members of the Conference Board, a purchase price of $16,500 for the 800 acres was agreed upon. Churches of the Conference were asked to raise $25,000 to make possible the purchase of the property, of equipment, and necessary immediate repairs. By the end of May, 1946, over $27,000 had been contributed to make the camp ours.

At the time of purchase, the camp had a large dormitory, now used to house the girls, a ranch house and "office," a barn and a chicken house (now the "craft hut"), and three cottages on the hill above the main camp. There were extensive grape vineyards, a vegetable garden, an orchard, and miles of "hog fence." The road in to the camp crossed nine fords, and the last three-quarters of a mile has as much as a 26 per cent grade. Nonetheless, the spirit of Cazadero, that intangible quality which brings vision and perspective to the lives of young people and adults alike, was present from the very first camp. In the beauty, the stillness, and the fellowship of Cazadero, God spoke to the hearts of our people.

Since acquiring the property, many improvements have been made. Next month we shall list some of those improvements, that we may all see how much has been done through the consecrated efforts of many people.

EXHIBITS TO BE HAD

Rev. R. Norris Wilson of the Missions Council announces that the splendid exhibits of our missionary work that were on display at the General Council meeting in Claremont are available for display in local churches or group gatherings. Shipping charges from New York to the exhibitor will be paid by the Missions Council. The local exhibitor must be responsible for setting up the exhibit, dismantling it, and returning it to New York or to the next place of exhibit, paying the return shipping charges. On request, information will be furnished as to size and weight. Please address Mr. William K. Wilson, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. Greatest care would need to be shown in unpacking, setting up, and repacking so that the exhibit and shipping crates are not broken.

R. E. Workers Meet

The second annual "Leaders of Leaders" Conference will be held at the College of the Pacific, Stockton, on Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22. This is a high-level conference for those with responsibility for training or supervising others in the field of religious education. The program will include a review of what has been happening in religious education in the past year; a study of the use of the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible in our Church Schools; a panel discussion on conserving religious and spiritual values in America; a workshop on The Church and the Family; and a training session on Leadership Methods in Training Projects. The conference is held under the auspices of the Department of Christian Education of the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches. Dr. Frank Lindhorst is the general chairman. A number of our people have been issued special invitations to attend.

Loan Fund Drive

The first general meeting of the representatives of the various Association areas in planning the campaign for the Church Building Loan Fund has been held at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. Rev. Stanley U. North, director for the Pacific Coast area, was the leader. Assisting him were the chairman, Mr. F. W. Morrison, together with Rev. Benton S. Gaskell and Mrs. George Thomson. Superintendent Gill and Superintendent-elect Pratt were in attendance and participated in the program. Mrs. Scott Haymond, who is head of our Conference Speakers' Bureau, assisted in furnishing speakers who will be available at the request of churches and Associations. From the various Associations there were special representatives invited by the Conference committee as follows:

Bay—Mrs. Harold T. Avery, Rev. Richard C. Norberg, and Mr. Scott Haymond.

Sacramento Valley—Mrs. J. A. Ream, Mr. David H. Gill, and Rev. Hendrik Martynse.

San Joaquin—Mrs. Gasper H. Magarian, Mrs. Richard Helm, Mr. James F. Hare, and Rev. Harold F. Cram.

Santa Clara—Mr. Archie Schwieso and Rev. Ed Cunningham.

Upper Bay—Rev. Robt. L. Carlson.

KOREAN RELIEF

There is a fairly constant interest in the sending of clothing for overseas relief, particularly in Korea. We are happy to announce that such clothing may be sent to Pacific Ports Industries, 10901 Russet St., Oakland, with indication as to where the clothing is to go. However, our churches should contribute 10c per pound for processing and shipping costs. When bundles of clothing are sent to the Oakland address, check should be sent for 10c a pound to the office of the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches, 83 McAllister Street, San Francisco 2.

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On The Way Up

October was a good month as might well be expected. Not only was the gain over 1951 maintained, but it was increased. Some churches have apparently been a bit careless about sending in their remittances; others have gone away ahead. Two months remain until January 10 for 1952 credits. Let us make the last two months of the present Superintendent's work and the first two months under the leadership of the new one the best thus far in the history of the Conference.

	App't Jan. 11 to Oct. 31,'51	App't Jan. 11 to Oct. 31,'52
Alameda	$ 880.66	$ 790.84
Alturas	154.64	124.76
Angels Camp	135.00	200.00
Antioch	268.29	1,078.64
Auburn	250.00	295.00
Benicia	95.00	113.00
Berkeley, Arlington	793.91	1,194.50
Chinese	14.50	42.00
First	9,800.96	10,093.15
North	1,283.26	1,237.61
Northbrae	400.00	400.00
South	817.22	811.87
Biola	49.92	54.56
Campbell	1,009.72	848.50
Cedarville	48.70	81.10
Cloverdale	——	25.00
Concord, Hillcrest	297.35	144.68
Cotati	118.09	67.78
Crockett	123.22	206.44
Eagleville	74.03	17.61
El Cerrito	25.00	8.40
Elk Grove	240.11	237.53
Etna	172.79	320.79
Eureka	1,103.45	1,168.28
Fairfax	245.05	352.58
Ferndale	200.42	156.70
Fresno, First	2,964.59	2,510.46
Japanese	47.50	229.87
Pilgrim Arm.	250.00	1,033.00
Zion	69.60	——
Glen Ellen	60.75	——
Guerneville	144.25	182.32
Hayward	1,029.95	2,595.00
Kenwood	27.17	34.77
La Selva Beach	91.09	91.52
Lodi, Ebenezer	——	61.12
First	2,425.59	2,015.64
Loleta	27.95	22.23
Loomis	33.75	204.40
Los Gatos, Skyland	——	65.39
Martinez	1,719.52	2,341.38
Modesto	75.69	71.07
Murphys	——	68.00
Niles	13.57	50.00
Oakland, First	5,485.60	5,550.00
Fruitvale	35.00	92.15
Japanese	12.00	——
New Pilgrim	473.86	397.87
Plymouth	1,889.18	1,913.21
Orinda	919.12	1,539.25
Oroville	512.42	830.35
Pacific Grove	25.00	50.00
Palo Alto	4,059.65	3,403.32
Paradise	660.00	705.00
Parlier	——	10.00
Penngrove	5.95	9.75
Pescadero	——	12.61
Petaluma	1,004.59	934.75
Pittsburg	345.76	276.51
Port Chicago	30.69	——
Porterville	2,250.00	2,250.00
Redwood City	1,429.94	1,713.71
Rio Vista	100.00	62.00
Ripon	375.50	493.63
Sacramento, First	2,889.00	2,472.51
Oak Park	——	76.41
Sierra Arden	275.00	271.68
Salida	38.74	100.00
San Carlos	1,660.00	1,716.40
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss. Pk.	221.00	138.00
Calvary Arm.	50.00	——
Chinese	13.83	——
First	1,994.53	2,182.98
Park Presidio	624.75	1,178.88
Pilgrim	161.53	152.82
St. John's	113.18	156.17
Sanger	72.32	28.96
San Jose	1,219.99	1,539.00
San Leandro	149.47	30.45
San Lorenzo	——	300.00
San Mateo	3,921.31	4,500.00
San Rafael	341.24	334.30
Santa Cruz	1,093.58	1,186.27
Santa Rosa	207.58	283.96
Saratoga	656.19	853.03
Sebastopol	279.99	837.31
Sonoma	267.57	248.30
Soquel	168.79	185.35
Stockton	1,377.42	1,406.89
Suisun	92.10	273.70
Sunnyvale	56.85	215.85
Sunol	225.21	244.30
Tulare	1,080.00	1,620.00
Weaverville	167.00	252.97
Woodside	211.76	277.86
Reno, Nevada	564.36	670.86
Miscellaneous	286.65	318.88
Pilgrim Fellowship	2,809.66	1,930.58
	$70,487.02	$77,876.27

AN EPISTLE TO YOUR CHURCH

(Rev. David L. Evans, formerly associated with the First Church, Berkeley, read this "Epistle" to the Congregational Church at Longmont, Colorado, of which he is now pastor.)

Greetings:

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and David, a fellow servant in the Lord, unto the Church of God at Longmont: Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Though I, Paul, have been unknown to you in the flesh, I have observed you, as it were, from afar off. Know ye not that ye are surrounded by a cloud of unseen witnesses, saints and martyrs, who have labored and died for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ? Ye are the lineal descendants of a great spiritual heritage which was begun by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, transmitted by the apostles and early church fathers, scholars and teachers, pilgrims and pioneers, yea, even by thine own forefathers who helped establish the church in Longmont. All these were evangelists and missionaries, disseminating the word of God, and establishing new colonies of heaven wherever they were led by the Holy Spirit.

I have both heard, and witnessed by the Spirit, thy works. Thou hast among thy numbers some worthy saints, some who are zealous for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ and His church, some who have held fast to the faith amid temptations that were great and trials and doubtings that were not too infrequent, some who have been liberal, giving of their substance generously so that the word of God might be preached both at home and abroad and that mighty good works of teaching and healing and feeding the hungry and clothing the naked might be performed in thy day. There have been some, however, who have grown weak in the faith, some who have not been worthy stewards of that which God first gave to us. It is even reported that some of thy members have fallen off entirely and no longer give any outward sign of believing in the faith, or of endeavoring to grow toward the stature and the fullness of Christ.

Thy works would show that thou art neither hot nor cold. I beseech ye, therefore, brethren, that ye put first things first so that the non-believers, the gentiles and pagans, might be convinced and become followers of the way. Let thy manner of speech and thy dealings with one another be worthy of your calling as sons of God. Be honest in all things, do not be given to envying, or covetousness, or dissension, or little-mindedness. In all things practice temperance, promote the fellowship, be generous, kind-hearted and given to hospitality. Remember that the Lord Jesus Christ laid down his life for the church. Therefore, give it first place in your prayers, affections, loyalty, labors, and contributions. And, above all things, forget ye not the world outreach of the gospel, even as our Lord hath commended us to go into all the world, teaching all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

I know that thy faith is being tried these days. There are faiths abounding which would entice ye away from that true faith which hath been given unto me by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and which I, an obedient servant of our Lord, have transmitted unto you. Evil days are upon you. Beware lest ye fall into the snare of false doctrines as heretical teachings concerning the Kingdom of God and liken it unto any movement or institution in your day. Neither make any other organization a substitute for the church. Know ye not that the church is the body of Christ and that body ye are now. Forget not that he loved the church and gave his life for it. Be not deceived in your vain imaginings, humble yourselves to accept and believe that which the Christ, the apostles, martyrs, and reformers taught and died for. Have that mind in you which was in Christ Jesus our Lord and be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may know what is the true and acceptable will of God concerning this truth and all other matters. Be not deceived, God is not mocked.

You have called David, a fellow servant in the Lord, to be your pastor and spiritual teacher. I beseech you by all that is holy to cooperate with him in all things for the upbuilding of saints, believers and church which ye are. Promote all good efforts so that the name of God will be glorified. Be ye discriminatory, forgetting not the chief reasons why the church of Christ was established: to worship God regularly and wholeheartedly; to be as witnesses to the world of a divine society in which true concord, brotherhood, and peace prevail; to imbue the children with the spirit, faith, and teachings of our Lord Christ; to help one another in the spirit of love; to hold out thy hand to the needy; to develop Christian character in thyself and in others; to give hope to those who are in despair; to provide strength to the spiritually weak-kneed; to arouse the indifferent; to give courage to them who are timid and afraid to be counted as followers of Christ; to bring the gospel to them that are near and afar off; neglecting not the latter because that is your one and only true hope of a world wherein the lion shall lie down with the lamb, children shall play without fear, and swords shall be beaten into ploughshares. Again, I say, forget not the main purposes wherein ye are called to be a church of God. Do these first and all other things such as clubs, societies, groups, numbers, organs, and other memorials shall be added unto you. This is not to say that ye should not worship the Lord in the holiness of beauty but do not forget to worship him in the beauty of holiness.

Finally, brethren, present your lives to be a living sacrifice unto God and his purposes for you and the world. Greet one another with sincere affection. Love one another even as the Lord loved us and gave his life for us. And now I commend you unto God, the Father of all mercies, that he may strengthen you to do his will. Amen.

P. F. Midwinter

The First Congregational Church of Oroville will play host this year to the annual Pilgrim Fellowship Mid-winter Conference. Dates of the Conference are December 28, 29, 30 and 31. Marjorie Higbee of Palo Alto, chairman of the program committee, has announced that the theme for the conference will be "Facing Our Faith." Elizabeth Helz, minister of education at the San Carlos church, is adviser to the program committee.

A CORRECTION

Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, author of the remarkably fine report of the General Council at Claremont, received a letter from the committee opposing Congregational political action, calling attention to the fact tha a mimeographed leaflet was circulated at Claremont defending the booklet, "They're Using Our Churches."

Mr. Casaday therefore requests The Pacific to reword the third sentence in the second paragraph of his article to read: "The black booklet published by a group of critics of the Council for Social Action, entitled 'They're Using Our Churches,' was justified by no one on the floor during discussion, though ample opportunity was given."

3—BABY BOYS—3

When the Carrolls came to San Jose in May, there were three of them—John, Lois, and Sally; but now there are four. The latest, John Clinton by name, arrived bright and early on the morning of October 10. The editor of Pacific does not know his weight, but it is enough. Both Mama and Papa have recovered sufficiently to be received into membership of the new church on November 2.

His mother says that he came the evening of October 11, that he was 21 inches long, and that he was a bouncing chap weighing close to nine pounds. We must not forget to say that his name is Peter Warren, and he came to a family named Clay who occupy the parsonage at Sebastopol. He joins a family of three: Charles William now age 7, Marjorie age 6, and Orval age 4. His father's name is Orval, too.

Daniel James, two good Biblical names for one little baby boy. He arrived on October 21 to bring joy to the home of Rev. and Mrs. James Montgomery in Fairfax. It is reliably reported that he was twenty inches long and weighed seven pounds and eleven ounces.

WAIKIKI

Does that chap get around! We mean Rev. Ralph V. Conard, of course. Just after getting settled in the great new Modoc Larger Parish, a call comes from Connie, his daughter, who is in Hawaii, announcing her impending marriage. So, the Conards borrowed against their vacation next summer and away they flew to Hawaii and there performed the rites for the daughter, had a few days of sunbathed Waikiki, and then back to Modoc, all within two weeks.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SEBASTOPOL—A service of recnition and a reception to Rev. and rs. Orval S. Clay was held on uesday evening, October 27, followg the annual meeting of the Redood Empire Association. There were stors and delegates from nearly all e churches of the Association. llowing a fine chicken dinner served the members of the church, a blic service of recognition was held. ev. William E. Welch offered the vocation, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett ad the Scripture, Rev. Herbert C. ns gave the charge to the minister, ev. James P. Senter the charge to e church, Supt. Harley H. Gill eached the sermon, and Rev. Harold Robinson offered the prayer. The cal Methodist minister and Rev. anley U. North brought greetings. veral members were received into lowship, including the minister and s wife.

HAYWARD — Twenty-three new embers were received on World mmunion Sunday. The church has opted a plan of insured savings for curing funds amounting to $100,000. his is to provide a new educational ng, payment of the present debt to e Church Building Society, and the ggested goal for the new Church ilding Loan Fund. The Social Acon Committee of the church plans arrange for invitations to students International House at Berkeley for hanksgiving dinners in Hayward mes. Rev. Richard C. Norberg is astor.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY—The Pilgrim Fellowship of this urch entertained over 200 young ople at the East Bay Rally held cently. Rev. Vere V. Loper was e keynoter. Both the PF and the llege-age groups have new sponsors. he parsonage has been repainted and esents a very attractive appearance. he contract for the purchase of the urch property from the Conference as been signed, and a first payment $1,200 has been made. Rev. John lickle, Rev. Fred S. Stripp, and Rev. rnest Houlding are pastors.

PETALUMA — The attendance at hurch School is taxing to the utmost nd overflowing the facilities of the ilding. The church must soon face he urgent need of a new educational ing. When Rev. and Mrs. Herbert . Gans came to Petaluma attendance the Church School was almost nonxistent. During the past month Mrs. ans has been preaching three Sunays at the Grace Evangelical and eformed Church and Mr. Gans reached there on one Sunday, with Mrs. Gans occupying the Congregaonal Church pulpit.

CONCORD, HILLCREST — The uilding of the new educational unit as begun. This will provide an adtional 3,000 square feet of floor pace. Thirteen new members were eceived in October, making a total of 35. The Church School now has a aff of sixteen qualified teachers, beides superintendent, pianist, and secretary. Attendance is about two hunred. Rev. Robert L. Carlson is pastor.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM—Sunday School has reached an attendnce of 117. New tables will be onstructed for the social hall. The rounds surrounding the building have een cleaned up. Officers for the Pilgrim Fellowship groups have been nstalled. Rev. Richard R. Diede is astor.

SAN JOSE, FIRST—The transaction acquiring a new five-acre tract for future relocation has been completed. It is expected that at an early date a beginning will be made of a children's program in the new area. In spite of the heavy responsibilities which such a move will entail, the church on a recent date voted to contribute $3,000 toward the new West San Jose project. The First Church had purchased the site for the new church in order to have a property available, the price being $12,000. The church is willing to accept $9,000, thus making a contribution of $3,000. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the man who has had the vision from the beginning, both for the new West San Jose project and for the relocation of the First Church.

CALAVERAS COUNTY — Rev. William L. Holladay spends each Tuesday in the Bret Harte Sanitorium. He made 23 bedside calls and administered communion to 7 people and conducted worship services during October. He is also giving some attention to the White Pines area in uncovering people who would be interested in regular religious work there. At Angels Camp the church school is going well and is using the Pilgrim Series for material. The Pilgrim Fellowship which serves both Angels Camp and Murphys Churches is really something to be enthusiastic about.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH—Seven members were received on World Communion Sunday. Professor Hugh Vernon White has been giving a series of addresses on Wednesday evening on "The Faith of the Church Today," with attendance running as high as 150. In November Professor Robert E. Fitch is giving a series of lectures on "Christianity and Politics." On November 2, the 50th anniversary of Oak Chapel, one of the two churches merging to make Plymouth Church, was celebrated. Rev. Philip G. Murray is pastor.

MARTINEZ—The capacity of the church building is being exceeded by Sunday School attendance. A fund has been started for a new parsonage. The aisle and the chancel have been carpeted and present a very beautiful and worshipful appearance. There are two student assistants working with the minister, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord: Mr. Earl A. Lawrence and Mr. Ed Harding. On the first Sunday of November, the pulpit at both services was occupied by Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

SAN FRANCISCO, PILGRIM—The old church property and parsonage have just been sold to the Salvation Army. This will enable the church to pay off the mortgage on that property and to secure a new parsonage. The new chancel curtain has been installed and serves a double purpose—it adds to the attractiveness of the building at all times and separates the chancel from the main part of the building when social occasions are in progress. Rev. Karl E. Olson is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ—Studies are being made of how the church can care for its youth work and its religious education: by remodeling the old building or by erecting a new wing. With the growth of the church and its program under Rev. Ed Cunningham, the pastor, it is clear that new facilities must be created. Mr. Cunningham conducts regular radio services.

SAN LORENZO — Triple Sunday School sessions and duplicate church services were inaugurated September 21. This involved a trebling of the church school staff, but a few teachers are working three sessions in a row. Others have assumed two classes or two sessions of the same class. The drainage system about the building has been improved so that water will be turned away from the building rather than toward it when heavy rains come. The old church school enrollment has been supplanted by an entirely new enrollment which now amounts to 800. A contract has been drawn up with an architect for an over-all planning of building and grounds to provide complete utilization of property. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz is pastor.

PALO ALTO — The church is crowded each Sunday morning and Church School attendance is taxing facilities. The Building Committee has recommended to the church and the church has approved beginning of construction on the first unit of the new building next spring: six church school rooms and a kitchen with small dining room. It is hoped that construction of the new sanctuary can be started in the fall of 1955. That will depend upon the sale of the present site. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, the pastor, is teaching a course in The Art of Worship the current quarter at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

BENICIA—Through the work of one church member, the manse has had a fine paint job. During a special workday a group of men repaired the roof, removed an unsightly vent pipe, and did a lot of painting at the church. A substantial increase in the budget has been decided upon, including an item of an additional 10% for Our Christian World Mission. Two morning services have been held on Sunday, the first for the parents of Sunday School children. Rev. C. T. Gustafson is pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM—In the early part of 1953 Rev. H. Missirlian will come from Chicago to be the pastor of this church. The church has been waiting for many months to enable Mr. Missirlian to complete his education. He comes with the very highest recommendations. During the long interim Rev. A. B. Hussian has ably supplied the church and its growth has continued. A student from Pacific School of Religion continues to lead in the youth work.

STOCKTON—A budget for 1953 of an increase of about 10% has been proposed. Church attendance has definitely reached a higher level, running from 38 to 57 more than corresponding Sundays a year ago. A splendid new junior-high group known as the Alden Club has been organized. The ministers are Rev. Noel J. Breed and Rev. Earnest D. Lidell.

ORINDA — A father-son banquet was held on Armistice Day, with Judge Homer W. Buckley as speaker. Rev. Gail Cleland is presenting a series of dramatic first person narratives of Biblical characters at the 9:30 service of worship. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

PITTSBURG—This church continues to give special attention in ministering to service men stationed at Camp Stoneman nearby. Frequently coffee hour is held following the morning service. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

EL CERRITO, MIRA VISTA—Six members were received on World Communion Sunday. A considerable amount of painting has been done on the interior of the building and the downstairs hallway has been completed. The classrooms are in process of being finished. An adult Sunday evening discussion group has been meeting in October. On the church's third birthday dinner was served following the 11:00 o'clock service, which was a most happy occasion. A bazaar, to be known as "The Christmas Shopper," comes in November. Rev. Gifford M. Webster, the pastor, was compelled to make a hurried flight to the east coast because of the tragic death of two members of the family.

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. JOHN'S—Attendance at church school is taxing the capacity of the building. Were it not for the holding of two services of worship, the church attendance would overflow the room used as sanctuary. At the September fellowship dinner, no more people could be accommodated than were present. St. John's will soon face the absolute necessity of building another unit and perhaps even acquiring additional property. Rev. Horst R. Jeschke was called to Texas recently by the very severe illness of his father. Latest report is a great improvement in health.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK—Rev. G. Chilton Christian arrived to begin work on October 29. He comes from St. Luke's Church of Brooklyn, New York, where he has been pastor for eight years. The Oak Park Church has held together amazingly well during the long interim. Arrangements have been completed for the purchase of a good five-room house with glassed-in porch, a very large lot, and an outside room made of a former garage, as a parsonage. Mr. Christian's sister who keeps house for him will arrive shortly.

AUBURN—At the annual meeting the church voted to accept the quota for the great national Church Building Loan Fund, and at the same time increased benevolence giving. In all probability the goal suggested by the OCWM Committee will be met. During the past year the church has received forty-four members and lost four. Rev. William F. Keeney, pastor, has served as president of the Auburn Ministers' Fellowship.

BERKELEY, FIRST — Thirty-nine new members were received on World-Wide Communion Sunday. On October 12 Rev. Vere V. Loper, pastor, gave the sermon at the famous Chicago Sunday Evening Club in Orchestra Hall. Rev. Hugh Vernon White preached during his absence. The annual Wednesday evening seminars, on six successive weeks, have again drawn large attendances.

PORT CHICAGO—A fine service of recognition of the new minister, Rev. Elmer A. Jeske, was held on Sunday, October 26. A new carpet has been laid in the sanctuary and the floor of the social hall has been refinished. Two fine Pilgrim Fellowship groups have been started.

PESCADERO — The members of the church are going to lend their credit in underwriting a loan to make possible the finishing of the new social hall. A consistent program of released time religious instruction has been and is being carried on. Mr. Joseph Edward Krueger is serving as pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The next regular meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will be held on Thursday, November 21, at the First Congregational Church, Oakland.

AUTUMN MEETING AT ORINDA

The Fall Meeting was held Thursday, October 16, at the Orinda Community Church. Mrs. Chester Marliave and her committee planned a very interesting program using the fine musicians of the host church. The trio: Lois Flenner (violin), Laura Hudd (cello), and Lucille Fahay (organist), gave us the musical highlight of the morning, "Agnus Dei" by Bizet. After lunch Margaret Popovich sang "How Lovely Is the Hand of God," Loughborough. The organist for the afternoon was Daniel Popovich. The Orinda church is certainly blessed in having so many fine musicians. The Rev. Fred R. Morrow, pastor of the church, gave the opening prayer and conducted the closing worship service. The people are justly proud and grateful for their beautiful new sanctuary which allows them to use the older building for Church School and social hall. Close to 200 women ate lunch, all delighted with the Blum pastries our hostesses served.

Mrs. Morrow presided during the lunch hour. President Mrs. Gail Cleland presided at the meeting and reminded us again to vote. Mrs. Ralph H. Phelps, president of the Orinda Women's Guild, brought us greetings and welcome. Mrs. C E. Ward will be glad to assist in preparing Thank Offering programs for the womens' groups. Miss Mary Kutz was pleased with the response to the Reading Lists. The officials of the Oakland library were wondering what had happened when every book on Africa had been taken out. When told that Africa is the subject of the missionary study of the church women this year, it was understood. From November 22 to 29 there will be a flower show in the Civic Auditorium of San Francisco, where plants from many countries will be shown. It would be worthwhile to see this.

Mrs. Henry Sax gave a very interesting review of "The Life of Robert and Mary Moffet," by Ethel Daniels Hubbard. All women would enjoy reading the book.

Rev. Robert L. Carlson of Hillcrest Church, Concord, spoke on "Congregational Church Building Program." The last two decades have seen the greatest migration in history, and the population of California has been greatly increased. He told of the great need for new churches in the new suburban communities that are springing up all over the state. These communities are really missionary territories, for, in the first six months after a family moves, their pattern of life is formed. If the church is to be included, a church must be built along with the new homes. He spoke of the increased cost of building and the sacrifices necessary, even with the aid of gifts and loans from the Building Fund. Such loans are sound investments, spiritually and financially. They are made at low interest and as they are repaid the money is used to help others. $147,000 is the quota for Northern California in the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. Each church has been asked to accept an assigned quota. Mr. Carlson said, "Every church can think of a good reason why it cannot pay this," but we all really should assume this responsibility as the need is so great. California will receive a large portion of loans. The Hillcrest Church has already added their quota to the budget and has pledges to cover the cost of its second building unit. Several prominent Federation women have sons or daughters who with their families are members and workers in this church.

Rev. E. C. Farnham, executive secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland Council of Churches, was introduced. His address, "The Ecumenical Church and the Community," was thought-provoking. He took the text Ezekiel 27:26, comparing our great country with ancient Tyre in wealth and power. The way we use them will result in "tragedy or triumph" to the ideal of a free world. We should vote in the coming election in the "spirit of Christian convictions," not for a man but for the symbol behind a man. What is the relationship of Ike and Adlai toward Great Britan as a market power? Will our wheat be only a commodity for sale or food for hungry bodies? Will either make a difference in internationalism?

There is a movement abroad to control the thought of the peoples of the world. Our State Department is now hampering the freedom of travel; how soon will it be our freedom of thought? The Congregational example of democracy goes on slowly — to tragedy or triumph? Communist or Christian? The Christian doctrine of the abundant life through the U.N. Point IV program, missions, etc., has been started and must be finished in such practical things as teachers, nurses, hospitals, food, and even water pipes, so people can understand what we mean. Dr. Farnham regretted the secularism and indifference to God and the Church. A cross country drive on Sunday morning shows the indifference to spiritual values. Ministers are overworked and need helpers. Thousands coming into California are increasing the population more than the church membership. The old downtown churches are fighting for their very existence. Religion is being tested with "tragedy or triumph" just around the corner. We are in "deep waters."

Mrs. Cleland introduced the Rev. B. C. Mather, who came in costume. He explained his American name, which is a great pride to his family. In 1816 an American missionary baptized his great-grandfather as Cotton Mather. He was then 21 years in the ministry. Ceylon, having been ruled by Portugal, Holland, India, and Great Britain, is now politically free. They have 256 government hospitals and 225 government dispensaries. The patients who are financially able pay for their services. This care has made Ceylon remarkably free from diseases. He traced the missionary work from the famous Haystack prayer meeting to the present, when it has become almost self-supporting. The Protestant churches there as elsewhere are uniting. He told of the organiaztion of the United Church of South India. The women take an active part in the church work as we do here. Sewing, Bible study, evangelistic work, teaching, and medicine. Women drive cars but not a bus. He spoke beautifully of marriage as a complete whole from two incomplete halves. A woman does not lose her identity at marriage. There are no conveniences or electric power, but, he added, there is no place like home, especially a Christian home. There is no question as to who is boss; man is the head and woman the heart of the home.

SAN MATEO—The "Pine Tree," which is the weekly bulletin, is now appearing in printed form. Nearly 1000 families are on the mailing list. Seventeen new members were welcomed on October 12. The Social Action Committee of the church made analysis and recommendations regarding the 24 ballot propositions. The ministers are Rev. Benton S. Gaskell and Rev. Terence Stoker.

MODESTO—During one week in October, this church had the benefit of the presence and leadership of Mr. Curtis Schumacher, of the Board of Home Missions, in a building fund campaign. Ten thousand dollars was raised toward the erection of the first unit of the new building. This was an outstanding achievement for Rev. Frank B. Loper and the small group of devoted people in that church.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED—On the first Sunday of November, all couples who had been married 50 years or more were honored. On November 9, all folk who had been members of the church for 45 years or more were honored. On November 16, Family Day will be recognized; and on November 23, Thanksgiving will be celebrated. Rev. J. Paul Coleman is pastor.

FRESNO, FREE CROSS — This church is making great plans for the celebration of its sixtieth anniversary, to be held on December 7. During the summer a cooling system was installed, greatly adding to the comfort of the worshipers. The youth work is now following Pilgrim Fellowship lines. Rev. Carl J. Maier is pastor.

ANTIOCH—The final payment on the organ has been made. This church is making great strides in its missionary interest. Close to $1200 has been pledged to world service, when a few years ago the church was giving less than $300. At the same time the budget for current expense has been greatly increased. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER — Thirty-four new members united wi the church on Sunday, October 26, which time Sueprintendent Harley Gill was the preacher. Announc ments are out for the marriage of th daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Torran Phelps. She will become a mistre of the manse, for her husband-to-b is pastor of a Methodist church Sacramento.

FOWLER—The property of th church has been put in first class shap the parsonage having been repaire and redecorated and a sprinkling sy tem installed for the lawn. Rev. Sark Papajian, who has been serving th church and is now called as permane pastor, has brought his letetr of tran fer from the Evangelical and Reforme Church and is now a Congregation minister in regular standing.

OAKLAND, FIRST—The familie of the church spent a most enjoyabl evening at an indoor picnic with po luck dinner followed by music, magic games, and dancing. The circles o the Women's League cleared $350 a an annual "festivities" afternoon. Th young people of the Pilgrim Fellow ship earned $40 on Christ's Wor Day. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—Rev and Mrs. William E. McCormack hav returned from a vacation trip to Ha waii which they richly deserved afte the many months of extreme pressur in the renovation and improvement o the building. Rev. Joseph D. Red inger, associate pastor, has been enjoy ing a vacation since the return of th McCormacks.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRE SIDIO—Rev. Robert Moon is preach ing a series of sermons, using text from the new revised standard versio of the Bible. Two part-time staf workers are bringing valuable assist ance in the church program.

COTATI — Church attendance i increasing. Several new members are in prospect. The removal of the socia hall to a location nearer the church i planned. The financial picture im proves steadily. Mr. Jack Heal, studen at Pacific School of Religion, is pastor

LODI, FIRST—This church has ar ranged for a campaign in evangelism under the leadership of Rev. Elme Freeman, of the Department of Evan gelism of the Board of Home Missions Rev. Ernest M. Fowler is pastor.

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